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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of Troy, submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1891.

TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1890.

State tax,	$1,055 00
County tax,	825 73
Town charges,	800 00
Schools,	1,000 00
School house repairs,	250 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Town poor,	300 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Settees,	50 00
Taxes added,	50 92
Dog tax,	88 00
Taxes run above sum voted,	176 44
	$5,696 09

INVOICE OF THE TOWN AS TAKEN APRIL 1, 1890.

260 polls,	$26,000 00
Real estate,	276,575 00
159 horses,	12,561 00
48 oxen,	2,327 00
232 cows,	5,887 00
51 neat stock,	869 00
1 sheep,	2 00
14 hogs,	160 00

17 carriages,	$1,225 00
Stock in public funds,	700 00
Money at interest,	13,217 00
Stock in trade,	31,935 00
Mills and machinery,	43,050 00
Total valuation,	$414,508 00
Reduced valuation,	$207,254 00
Tax,	5,507 47

Rate $1.34 per hundred.

AMOUNT RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOOKS AND FOR THE REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Assessed for the year 1891, for schools,	$1,000 00
Assessed for the repair of school houses,	250 00
Literary fund,	191 53
Railroad tax,	150 91
Interest on school fund note,	24 00
A part of Savings Bank tax, as per vote,	93 56
	$1,710 00
Expended for schools,	$1,200 68
Expended for school books,	381 51
Expended for repairs of school houses,	127 81
Paid the school board,	$1,710 00

COUNTY POOR,

C. W. Whitney, goods to Geo. H. Kenney,	$2 30
Polly Leonardson, boarding Bathsheba Holt,	4 86
Polly Leonardson, boarding and nursing Bathsheba Holt,	11 28

Polly Leonardson, making clothes for Bathsheba Holt,	$1 65
C. W. Whitney, goods to Daniel J. Nevers,	5 00
C. W. Whitney, for Bathsheba Holt,	2 69
John L. Perry, team to carry Mary J. Gordon to Rindge,	2 50
John L. Perry, keeping two tramps over night,	2 50
Edmund Bemis, car fare and expenses to Wayland with Mrs. Bathsheba Holt,	12 05
John H. Congdon, keeping Mary Jane Gordon and children over night,	2 00
Dr. M. T. Stone, medical attendance upon county paupers,	29 30
John Conant, milk for George H. Kenney,	20
John L. Perry, keeping tramps over night,	2 50
James L. Stanley, keeping tramps,	8 75
John L. Perry, keeping Mary J. Gordon and children over night,	1 50
C. D. Farrar, house rent for George H. Kenney,	2 50
	$91 58

TOWN POOR.

C. R. Fassett, helping move Mrs. John Wheeler,	$ 47
C. R. Fassett, fish for John Wheeler,	1 00
Ira G. Starkey, for boarding John Wheeler,	25 00
Alanson Starkey, for boarding John Wheeler,	12 12
Alanson Starkey, milk for John Wheeler,	9 70
George A. Starkey, meat for John Wheeler,	3 84
E. C. Whitcomb & Co., wood for John Wheeler,	1 87
E. P. Kimball & Son, goods delivered to John Wheeler,	26 20
E. P. Kimball & Son, wagon to Rindge to move Mrs. J. Wheeler,	50

C. F. Pope, mending shoes for John Wheeler,	$1 90
Dr. M. T. Stone medical attendance upon John Wheeler,	2 25
Levi Merrifield, boarding Elmer U. Merrifield,	104 00
E. P. Kimball & Son, goods for John Wheeler,	1 18
C. W. Whitney, clothes for Freeman Hebert's children,	4 98
Ira G. Starkey, boarding John Wheeler,	25 46
Edmund Bemis, paid Mrs. John Wheeler, car fare to Rindge and return,	1 50
Edmund Bemis, cash to John Wheeler, to go to Athol, Mass.,	4 00
Edmund Bemis, moving Mrs. John Wheeler to Rindge,	3 00
James L. Stanley, carrying goods to Rindge for Mrs. John Wheeler,	3 00
	$226 97

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

C. D. Farrar, house rent for O. L. Nash,	$6 00
E. Buttrick & Co., wood for O. L. Nash,	2 40
Marcus Damon, wood for George P. Ward,	2 25
E. P. Kimball & Son, goods for George P. Ward,	34 57
	$45 22

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

E. P. Kimball, two years' poll tax, being over 70 years,	$2 42
Mrs. Lucy Damon, over assessment,	4 02
Murray J. Bliss, paid tax in Keene,	1 34
Louis Beauregard, left town,	1 34

A. D. Forbes, left town,	$2 68
Joseph Laporte, left town,	1 34
Joseph Lemoy, left town,	1 34
Peter St. John, left town,	1 34
William Webster, left town,	1 34
William Freeman, dog taxed, had no dog,	1 00
Nahum Green, dog taxed, had no dog,	1 00
Pierre Ladrox, left town,	1 34
	$20 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRES.

J. H. Bigelow, repairs of fire department,	$5 99
O. C. Whitcomb & Co., wood for engine room,	1 00
E. Buttrick & Co., repairing platform at engine house,	60
Troy Blanket Mills, for hose burst at Mrs. Burns' fire,	16 00
Troy Blanket Mills, use of mill and apparatus at fire,	5 00
Troy Blanket Mills, use of mill, filling tank,	5 00
J. H. Bigelow, supplies for fire department,	2 20
B. F. Harris, services of 45 engine men,	135 00
Two stewards,	16 00
Men, 95 hours, at Mrs. Burns' fire,	23 00
Men, 35 hours, at brickyard fire,	8 75
Men, 168 hours, at E. Buttrick & Co.'s fire,	42 00
Stoughton Rubber Co., six rubber coats,	21 90
Clifton Manufacturing Co., twelve rubber hats,	6 40
J. H. Bigelow, stationery and postage,	55
	$289 39

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1889.

M. T. Stone, services as Town Clerk,	$20 00
M. T. Stone, services as Health Officer,	5 00
Asa C. Dort, services as Town Treasurer,	20 00
Franklin Ripley, services on School Board and Clerk,	33 00
Charles W. Brown, services on School Board,	25 00
J. Merrill, services on School Board,	30 00
Edward F. Adams, services as Selectman,	62 49
George M. Parmenter, services as Selectman,	71 75
John H. Congdon, services as Selectman,	63 87
Edwin Buttrick, services as Supervisor,	5 50
Frank S. Harris, services as Supervisor,	6 00
Henry M. Whittemore,	7 00
C. F. Lawson, police services, arresting two men,	3 00
George F. Maddon, Truant Officer for 1890,	10 00
C. F. Lawson, police services, the 4th of July,	2 00
James L. Stanley, services as Sexton for 1890,	41 00
	$405 61

SUNDRY TOWN BILLS PAID.

Frank L. Brown, police notices,	$ 15
Frank L. Brown, paid for pens,	65
John H. Congdon, freight bills,	90
John H. Congdon, car fare and expenses to Keene twice,	1 10
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town report,	37 25
George H. Aldrich & Sons, insurance on Town House,	50 00
Charles Haskell, paint and oil for park fence,	15 35
Charles Haskell, painting park fence,	11 90

Charles Haskell, repairing park fence and lawn mower,	$4 86
Three barrels of ashes,	1 50
John H. Congdon, paid for administering oath,	25
Edwin B. Dort, paid for printing tax bills,	3 00
Edwin Buttrick, check list blanks,	50
E. P. Kimball & Son, stationery,	1 64
E. P. Kimball & Son, cement,	1 66
E. P. Kimball & Son, brimstone for cemetery,	1 98
E. P. Kimball & Son, police clubs,	11 31
E. P. Kimball & Son, one door lock for lockup,	1 00
Frank L. Smith, blacksmithing,	14 40
Edmund Bemis, paid freight on tile and settees,	5 93
M. T. Stone, recording births, deaths and marriages,	18 60
Charles Haskell, services as Park Commissioner,	23 00
Clifford & Allen, of Boston, 24 settees,	61 44
John H. Congdon, collector's book,	75
John H. Congdon, town officer book,	2 50
John H. Congdon, 25 appointment blanks,	25
John H. Congdon, postage stamps,	19
John H. Congdon, expenses to Keene twice,	1 10
Charles H. Cornell, painting and repairing guide boards,	16 25
C. W. Whitney, two telephone messages,	20
John H. Congdon, car fare to Keene twice,	1 10
John H. Congdon, telephone messages and postage stamps,	31
John H. Congdon, freight bill,	25
James L. Stanley, team for Selectmen taking invoice,	3 25
Edmund Bemis, blank book and postage stamps,	27
Edmund Bemis, car fare to Keene and expenses,	80
	$295 59

BREAKING ROADS IN THE WINTER OF 1890 AND 1891.

Samuel Mortimer,	$1 05
George N. Parmenter,	60
Frank L. Brown, cash paid for breaking roads,	1 56
Leonard H. Merrifield,	13 70
Moses Abon,	1 50
George A. Nutting,	1 25
Joseph M. Foster,	3 15
Charles S. Starkey,	2 55
Walter Eliott,	14 55
Whittemore & Coolidge,	90
Leonard H. Merrifield for 1891,	9 75
E. Buttrick & Co.,	90
A. F. Haskins,	10 97
Elmer E. Haskell,	6 23
Edmund Bemis, snowing bridge and breaking out Cobb road,	1 05
	$69 71

AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

Louis Lapoint, for labor,	$1 50
George A. Nutting, blasting ledge on road,	13 40
George E. Howe, blasting ledge on road,	13 90
Nicholas Grimes, blasting ledge on road,	12 00
Willard White, work on highway,	9 50
Spencer & Co., for drain tile,	15 60
Troy Granite Co., blasting materials,	12 71
John H. Congdon, freight on drain tile,	2 73
Frank L. Brown, freight on drain tile,	75
Marcus V. Damon, building road near his house,	58 00
John H. Congdon, paid Daniel Finegan, digging ditch,	8 00

Cheshire Railroad, damage of land for new road,	$1 00
Alanson Starkey, gravel and railing poles,	4 07
Samuel Mortimer, gravel used on road,	3 25
O. C. Whitcomb & Co., railing poles,	9 80
O. C. Whitcomb & Co., bridge stringers,	2 30
E. P. Kimball & Son, blasting material, spikes and spades,	7 19
Levi A. Fuller, bridge plank,	69 35
John Devine, digging ditch,	6 00
Troy Granite Co., stone used near E. P. Kimball & Son's store,	28 15
Troy Granite Co., dynamite cartridges,	1 38
Louis Lapoint, moving stone,	50
E. Buttrick & Co., bridge stringers and plank,	7 88
Edmund Bemis, work on road and planking bridge,	2 50
Edmund Bemis, 30 feet of plank, and two hours' work on ditch,	64
Troy Blanket Mills, for drain tile,	2 24
Edmund Bemis, paid G. A. Nutting, work on ledge,	2 00
Edmund Bemis, cutting brush out of road twice,	74
John H. Congdon, work on sluice 11 hours,	2 20
John H. Congdon, work on sluice, 3 hours,	60
A. F. Haskins and men, working on highway and bridge,	1,163 78
Edmund Bemis, work on sluice,	22
	$1,463 88

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Joseph E. Lawrence, interest on note,	$54 00
Edmund Bemis, two notes and interest,	461 58
Guaranty Savings Bank, note and interest,	465 52
Guaranty Savings Bank, interest on three notes,	108 00
	$1,089 10

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES PAID.

State tax,	$1,055 00
County tax,	825 73
	$1,880 73

CEMETERY BILLS PAID.

Philip Boyce, work in cemetery,	$79 36

REPAIRS ON THE JOHN WHEELER BUILDING.

Amos O. Dexter, paint, paper and labor on John Wheeler buildings,	$33 31
Philip Boyce, work on John Wheeler house,	3 40
John H. Congdon, lumber and work, John Wheeler house,	6 35
O. C. Whitcomb & Co., lumber for John Wheeler house,	9 36
E. P. Kimball, nails used on John Wheeler house,	1 64
C. W. Whitney, two screen doors for John Wheeler house,	3 53
E. Buttrick & Co., lumber for John Wheeler house,	3 60
D. C. Fassett, labor on John Wheeler house,	1 40
Edmund Bemis, paid Mrs. Louisa Cobb, cleaning John Wheeler house,	2 50
Edmund Bemis, cleaning out cellar at John Wheeler house,	1 00
John H. Congdon, work on John Wheeler house,	4 60
	$70 69

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN WITH J. L. STANLEY, JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

Received for use of Town Hall, for the year ending March 1, 1891,	$63 50
Expenditures for the same time:	
Wood,	$6 00
48½ gallons oil,	6 23
Paid for setting glass,	1 00
Lamp chimneys and shades,	1 50
J. L. Stanley, services as janitor,	15 00
	$29 73
Balance in favor of town,	$33 77

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	$1,710 00
County poor,	91 58
Town Poor,	226 97
Dependent soldiers and families,	45 22
Abatement of taxes,	20 50
Fire department,	289 39
Town officers' bills paid,	405 61
Sundries,	295 59
Breaking roads,	69 71
Highway bills paid,	1,463 88
State and county taxes,	1,880 73
Notes and interest paid,	1,113 10
Cemeteries,	79 36
Repairs of John Wheeler house,	70 69

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER, DR.

1890.		
Mar. 1.	Outstanding taxes in hands of C. M. Barnard, 1887,	$23 72
Mar. 1.	Outstanding taxes in hands of C. M. Barnard, 1888,	365 42
Mar. 1.	Outstanding taxes in hands of C. M. Barnard, 1889,	1,160 35
Mar. 1.	School fund note,	400 00
Mar. 1.	Cash in treasury,	430 94
April 1.	Cash received from County, support of poor,	199 47
Taxes assessed for the year 1890:		
	State tax,	1,055 00
	County tax,	825 73
	Town charges,	800 00
	Schools,	1,000 00
	School house repairs,	250 00
	Highways,	1,000 00
	Town poor,	300 00
	Cemeteries,	100 00
	Settees,	50 00
Cash borrowed, Guaranty Savings Bank,		450 00
Cash received of County, support of poor,		42 38
Cash received of State Treasurer, railroad tax,		150 91
Savings Bank tax,		1,539 84
Literary fund,		191 53
Dog tax,		88 00
Sum run above sum voted,		176 44
Taxes added,		50 92
Cash received of E. P. Kimball & Son, use of hay scales,		42 00
Cash, Coolidge & Whittemore, use of derrick,		4 00

Cash borrowed, E. Bemis,	$450 00
Cash borrowed, C. W. Brown,	100 00
Received of J. L. Stanley, use of Town Hall,	33 77
Interest on school fund note,	24 00
	$11,304 42

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1891.		
Mar. 2.	By taxes in the hands of C. M. Barnard, collector, 1887,	$23 72
	C. M. Barnard, collector, 1888,	365 42
	C. M. Barnard, collector, 1889,	399 16
	Edwin B. Dort, collector, 1890,	1,059 21
	School fund note,	400 00
	Payment of 129 orders of Selectmen,	7,762 31
	Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,294 60
		$11,304 42

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Edmund Bemis, note,	$450 00
Interest,	75 60
Joseph E. Lawrence, note,	900 00
Interest,	31 30
Three notes, Guaranty Savings Bank,	1,800 00
Interest,	18 00
School fund note,	400 00
Selectmen,	200 00
Asa C. Dort, Town Treasurer,	20 00
M. T. Stone, Town Clerk,	20 00
Edwin B. Dort, collecting taxes,	60 00
School Board for services,	85 00
Spencer & Co., for drain tile,	63 81
Charles W. Brown, note,	100 00
Interest,	4 35
	$4,228 06

ASSETS OF THE TOWN NOT AVAILABLE.

Due from United States,	$1,380 00
Value of hay scales,	300 00
Town meadow,	10 00
Town derrick,	150 00
Two patent road machines,	250 00
Five drills,	3 00
John Wheeler place,	500 00
Three shovels,	2 50
	$2,595 50

AVAILABLE ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Taxes in the hands of C. M. Barnard, 1887,	$23 72
Taxes in the hands of C. M. Barnard, 1888,	364 42
Taxes in the hands of C. M. Barnard, 1889,	399 16
Taxes in the hands of Edwin B. Dort, 1890,	1,059 21
Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	1,294 60
Due from County for support of poor,	36 82
	$3,177 93

Total liabilities March 1, 1891,	$4,228 06
Available assets subtracted,	3,177 93
Indebtedness of the town March 1, 1891,	$1,050 13

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. CONGDON,
EDMUND BEMIS,
FRANK L. BROWN,
Selectmen of Troy.

TROY, N. H., March 2, 1891.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above reports of the Selectmen and Treasurer of Troy and find them correctly cast with the proper vouchers.

JOHN H. BIGELOW, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Parents and Citizens of the Town of Troy:

Your Committee herewith submit for your consideration their report of the progress and present condition of your schools, and a financial statement of all expenditures for their support, giving the amount expended on each school. Our schools have been well attended and there has been no great amount of sickness to break up the attendance.

In general, we report a successful year in the progress of most of the schools, and a deepened interest among the scholars and parents.

We regret to note numerous occasions of tardiness, although not in excess of previous years. There is not the slightest excuse for this, it is entirely needless; the blame, however, is often as much on the parents as the children, especially so in our primary schools, and it is the parents' duty to see that their children are prompt in getting to their schools.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school was taught in the spring term by Mrs. A. M. Foster, of Walpole, N. H., who has had charge for the previous two terms. We regret to report this term did not come up to the excellent standard of the other terms. The teacher apparently worked hard as in past, but the scholars did not show the application and interest they have previously shown.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss M. Alice Jones, of Keene. Miss Jones has succeeded admirably, the scholars have made steady and rapid gain.

The excellent discipline, the gentlemanly appearance of the boys, and the ladylike conduct of the girls under the quiet dignity of their teacher's example, were marked and commendable.

In the line of compositions and declamations, your committee note a marked advance in the well written essays and clear and easy delivered pieces.

The whole number of weeks of school were thirty, in three terms of ten weeks each. Number of different scholars enrolled by terms, 33, 35, 30. Average attendance, 30, 31, 27 respectively. Number not absent during a term: 1st term, 12; 2d term, 13; 3d term, 5. Three pupils have a perfect record for the year, not having been absent or tardy at any session, and constitute the Roll of Honor. They are:

Master Fred Coolidge,
" Harry Hale,
" George Stanford.

Number of visits by the School Committee during the year, 17; by parents and others, 119. Instances of tardiness during year 25, a record wholly without excuse for pupils of this age.

NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This school has been taught during the year by Miss Minnie A. Lamson, of Hinsdale, N. H. Miss Lamson has had an excellent reputation in the town as a teacher in our West Hill School, and in accordance with the policy of the board was promoted to the charge of a larger school.

Miss Lamson has done an excellent year's work and fully maintains her reputation as a teacher in the more trying and difficult requirements of so large a school.

The school has been brought under good discipline; more quiet and orderly than we have known it for years, and the pupils have been thoroughly drilled and show the effects of it.

Whole number of weeks of school is thirty, divided into three terms of ten weeks each. Whole number of scholars by terms: 55, 51, 42. Average attendance: 47, 45, 36. Number not absent or tardy during each term: 1st term, 22; 2d term, 14; 3d term, 14. One scholar only has not been absent or tardy during the year, and constitutes the Roll of Honor:

EDWIN SMITH.

The regular attendance shown by the large number in each term not absent or tardy, is very commendable. Number of instances of tardiness during the year is 11. Visits by School Board during year, 12; by parents and others 143, which is evidence of good interest in the school on the part of parents and friends.

SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This school has been under the charge of Miss Alice M. Heath for the past year. This is Miss Heath's second year in this school, and she has kept up her previous good record. She enjoys the love of her pupils and takes a personal interest in each one, which brings out many a diffident scholar and tells in the advance of the entire school in their studies and other exercises.

The school has been largely attended. The whole number of weeks of school has been thirty-one: 1st term, 11; 2d, 10; 3d, 10 weeks. Number of scholars enrolled by terms: 44, 57, 40. Average attendance by terms: 32, 43, 28. Pupils not absent during each term: 1st term, 4; 2d term, 8; 3d term, 6. The Roll of Honor:

FLORA A. GEE,

who has not been absent or tardy the entire year. Instances of tardiness 28, which is altogether too many and parents should see that their children are at their school on time and thus teach them to become prompt and regular in their habits. Visits by School Committee 14; by parents and others 106.

EAST HILL SCHOOL.

There have been two terms of this school. The spring term of ten weeks was kept by Miss Emily M. Putnam. Number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 7; not absent during term, 1; instances of tardiness, 3. We regret to report very little interest in her work on the part of the teacher, and meagre results naturally followed.

The fall term was under the charge of Miss Loretta J. Brown. This was Miss Brown's first experience in teaching, and she has made a very creditable record. She gave her whole time and energy to the work of her school, and good progress was shown by the scholars in their studies.

Whole number of scholars for the fall term was 7; average attendance, 6; not absent, 1. The Roll of Honor is

EMMA J. WHITCOMB,

who has not been absent or tardy during the year. Visits by School Board during year, 6; by others, 45.

WEST HILL SCHOOL.

There have been two terms kept in this school. A fall and winter term of ten weeks each. On account of the prevalence of diphtheria in the neighborhood, no school was held during the spring. The number of weeks of school was however brought up to nearly the usual amount by the winter term of ten weeks.

The school was in charge of Miss Emma L. Hutchins,

of Chesterfield. Miss Hutchins had taught the spring term of the Merrifield school and was promoted to the West Hill school. Of this teacher's work the committee has only praise to give. The school through the two terms showed progress, the teacher gaining the love and respect of her pupils and maintaining excellent discipline.

The whole number of scholars, 17 in the fall term and 10 in the winter term; average attendance 10 and 7 respectively; not absent each term, 2 and 1. No perfect attendance on the part of any one scholar for the year. Visits by School Board 7; by others, 55.

MERRIFIELD SCHOOL.

There have been two terms of this school. A spring term of eight weeks under charge of Miss Emma L. Hutchins, of Chesterfield, and a fall term of nine weeks taught by Miss Maud B. Adams, of Jaffrey. Both teachers have done excellently well in this little school, and the scholars have shown a remarkable progress in their studies. The eagerness of these little ones for knowledge and their punctuality and regularity of attendance is not equaled by any school in town.

The number of scholars was 6; there has not been one instance of tardiness, and the whole number of absences for the 17 weeks for six scholars is 6 half days. Five pupils in each term have a clean record, and on the Roll of Honor are:

Nellie M. Goodnough,
Mary A. Goodnough,
Anna M. Merrifield,
Mary J. Merrifield,

all of whom have not been absent or tardy during the year. Visits by School Committee have been 9; by others 43. We commend this school as an example to the other schools in town.

In conclusion your committee would urge the parents

and citizens of this town to renewed efforts to raise still higher the standard of education here. There has been marked improvement over preceding years, and one evidence of this may be found in the increased interest shown by parents and friends in visiting the schools. We report 576 visits this year against 384 reported last year.

Let us not be parsimonious in our appropriations for the support of these schools, knowing that our money can be invested in no better way. Our schools are growing larger and the need of better accommodations becomes each year more pressing, and our citizens will before long have to seriously consider the question of a new building for the schools in the centre of the town.

That the Grammar school is in a totally unfit situation, everyone acquainted with it knows, and the attempt of the town at the last annual meeting to use a part of the room for a Selectmen's room emphasizes this. The town needs the whole of the present town house for its own accommodation and a modern school building for our three village schools is becoming a necessity.

The new free text book law has been in force the past year, and it is the judgment of your committee that the schools have been benefited by it. We note a greater interest in the study of Geography and History, and it has undoubtedly been a help to many parents who could ill afford text books for all the studies their children should pursue. On the other hand it has imposed a great amount of labor on your committee. We have bought all the books and supplies at lowest wholesale figures, but the expense has been almost double the appropriation of $200. Future expenses will be less, but we estimate that $200 will be required for books and supplies the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN RIPLEY,
CHARLES W. BROWN,
MELVIN T. STONE,
} *School Board.*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR MARCH 1, 1890, TO MARCH 1, 1891.

EXPENDITURES IN GROSS.

Appropriated for ordinary school expenditures,	$1,200 00
Received from town of Richmond,	28 33
	$1,228 33
Expended for schools as per detailed statement,	1,223 19
Balance on hand,	$5 14

FREE BOOK ACCOUNT.

Cash received from town,	$382 19
Books sold,	6 09
	$388 28
Expended for books and supplies,	387 60
Cash balance on hand,	$ 68
Net expended as per above statement,	$387 60
Appropriated for books,	200 00
Overdrawn appropriation,	$187 60
Value of books and supplies on hand not yet put into schools,	$61 68
Balance after deducting same from expenditure for books, which represents net cost of the free book system for the year,	$325 92

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Received cash, appropriation,	$250 00
Expended for repairs,	127 81
Balance unexpended,	$122 19

RECAPITULATION.

Received of town for ordinary school expenditures,	$1,200 00
For books and supplies,	382 19
For repairs,	127 81
Total from town for schools for the year 1890,	$1,710 00

DETAILED EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mrs. A. M. Foster, teaching:	
Spring term, 10 weeks, at $10.50,	$105 00
Miss M. Alice Jones, teaching:	
Fall term, 10 weeks, at $10,	100 00
Winter term, 10 weeks, at $10,	100 00
Supplies,	5 48
Cleaning,	3 41
Fuel,	15 20
Care school room,	5 00
	$334 09

NORTH PRIMARY.

Miss M. A. Lamson, teaching:	
Spring term, 10 weeks, at $8,	$80 00
Fall term, 10 weeks, at $8,	80 00
Winter term, 10 weeks, at $8,	80 00
Fares paid,	3 00
Cleaning room,	3 41
Care of school room,	3 00
Chairs,	1 50
Fuel,	21 20
Sundry supplies,	3 93
	$276 04

SOUTH PRIMARY.

Miss A. M. Heath, teaching:	
Spring term, 10 weeks, at $8,	$80 00
Fall term, 10 weeks, at $8,	80 00
Winter term, 10 weeks, at $8,	80 00
Care school room,	4 50
Chairs,	1 50
Cleaning,	3 42
Sundry supplies,	3 67
Fuel,	15 22
	$268 31

EAST HILL SCHOOL.

Miss Emily M. Putnam, teaching:	
Spring term, 10 weeks, at $5,	$50 00
Loretta J. Brown, teaching:	
Fall term, 12 weeks, at $5,	60 00
Care school house,	1 50
	$111 50

WEST HILL SCHOOL.

Emma L. Hutchins, teaching:	
Fall term, 10 weeks, at $6.50,	$65 00
Winter term, 10 weeks, at $6.50,	65 00
Carrying teacher from depot,	1 00
Fuel and cleaning school room,	15 00
	$146 00

MERRIFIELD SCHOOL.

Emma L. Hutchins, teaching:	
Spring term, 8 weeks, at $5,	$40 00
Maud B. Adams, teaching:	
Fall term, 9 weeks, at $5,	45 00
Fuel,	2 25
	$87 25

SUMMARY.

School.	Expense.	Average No. enrolled scholars.	Expense per scholar per week.
Grammar,	$334 09	33	$ 34
North Primary,	276 04	49	19
South Primary,	268 31	47	1 19
East Hill,	111 50	7½	67
West Hill,	146 00	13½	54
Merrifield,	87 25	6	85

Total cost of schools for 1890, $1,223.19.

Average for the year for all schools per scholar per week, 46 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN RIPLEY,

Treasurer of School Board.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

School.	Terms.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per week including board.	No. weeks school.	No. of scholars enrolled.	Average daily attendance.	No. scholars not absent.	Reading.	Writing.	Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Physiology.	Bookkeeping.	Algebra.
Grammar,	Spring.	Mrs. A. M. Foster.	$10.50	10	33	30	12	33	33	33	33	20	30	14	33	6	5	6
"	Fall.	Miss M. Alice Jones.	10.00	10	35	31	13	33	35	35	35	32	31		35	4	3	3
"	Winter.	Miss M. Alice Jones.	10.00	10	30	27	5	20	30	30	27	20	20	8	30	3	7	3
N. Primary.	Spring.	Miss M A. Lamson.	8.00	10	55	47	22	54	30	54	30	20	13		13			
"	Fall.	Miss M. A. Lamson.	8.00	10	51	45	14	52	43	52	43	20	16		16			
"	Winter	Miss M. A. Lamson.	8.00	10	42	36	14	39	37	39	35	17	13		13			
S. Primary.	Spring.	Miss A. M. Heath.	8.00	11	44	32	4	44	40	44	32	12	12					
"	Fall.	Miss A. M. Heath.	8.00	10	57	43	8	57	40	57	36	15	12					
"	Winter.	Miss A. M. Heath.	8.00	10	40	28	6	40	30	40	23	13	10					
East Hill.	Spring.	Miss E. L. Putnam.	5.00	10	7	7	1	7	7	7	7	5	6	1	3		1	
"	Fall.	Miss L. J. Brown.	5.00	12	8	6	1	8	8	8	8	7	6	2	5		1	
West Hill.	Fall.	Miss E. L. Hutchins.	6.50	10	17	10	2	17	15	17	11	6	3	3				
"	Winter.	Miss E. L. Hutchins.	6.50	10	10	7	1	10	10	10	9	5	3	2				
Merrifield.	Spring.	Miss E. L. Hutchins.	5.00	8	6	5	5	6	6	6	5	3						
"	Fall.	Miss M. B. Adams.	5.00	9	6	5	5	6	6	6	5	3	3					

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Report of Mountain View Cemetery Committee for the year ending March 1, 1891 :

Cash on hand, March 1, 1890,	$7 52
Cash received from sale of lots for 1890,	62 00
	$69 52
Cash paid out for labor for the year of 1890,	$54 75
Cash on hand March 1, 1891,	14 77
	$69 52
Due the town for lots not paid for up to date,	$52 00

W. J. BOYDEN, *Committee.*

FIREWARDS' REPORT.

The Firewards submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1891:

There have been three alarms of fire during the year.

Early on the morning of Sept. 30, Mrs. F. J. Burns' house was found to be on fire. The firemen responded very quickly to the alarm, and, aided by the citizens, and with the help of the fire apparatus of Troy Blanket Mills the main part of the house was saved; the ell of the house was badly damaged and the barn destroyed. Loss about $1,100.

On the evening of Oct. 9 the kiln shed at the brick yard caught fire from the kiln. An alarm was given and the engine taken out, but not used, the fire being extinguished with slight damage.

On the evening of Jan. 6 one of E. Buttrick & Co.'s dry houses was found to be on fire. The alarm was given and after several hours of hard work the fire was subdued with a loss of about $300.

The town is to be congratulated on the fact that their firemen are always ready and willing to go when called upon, and when they reach a fire they work with a determination to extinguish it. How well they succeed is attested by their record for the past few years, notably at the tannery fire, at the hotel fire, when the Town Hall was in danger, and at the fire on Mrs. Burns' premises. The town should give them their hearty thanks and substantial aid in all legitimate ways.

The apparatus is in nearly the same condition as a year ago. The engine, while it has done excellent service in years past, like all things else will wear out, and at the present time is not such protection as the town should have. Something should be done at the earliest moment possible to place the town under better protection against fires. This is a subject that is of vital importance to all, and we earnestly hope the matter will be carefully considered at the annual town meeting and arrangements made with that end in view.

For expenses of the Fire Department see Selectmen's report.

ASA C. DORT,
JOHN H. BIGELOW,
FRANKLIN RIPLEY,
CHARLES W. BROWN,
ALFRED G. LAWRENCE,

Firewards.

VITAL STATISTICS,

1890.

Births Registered in the Town of Troy, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 5	.....	M		L	3d	W	John F. Hale.	Chloe E. Rice.	W	Troy.	Farmer.	Swanzey.	Swanzey.	34	20
" 24	.....	M		L	3d	W	Frank A. Desmars.	Sarah Bressett.	W	"	Carpenter.	Canada.	Canada.	38	42
Feb. 25	.....		F	L	1st	W	....	Etta Haskell.	W	"	.....	....	.....	..	..
Mar. 28	Patrick Morris.	M		L	9th	W	Patrick Sullivan.	Jane King.	W	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	43	39
" 29	Luther Elliott.	M		L	4th	W	Chas. Whitcomb.	Lulu Grimes.	W	"	Blacksmith	Troy.	Troy.	..	..
Apr. 14	.....	M		L	1st	W	Peter Cournoyer.	Delima.	W	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	24	20
" 17	....		F	L	1st	W	George Howard.	Zoey St. John.	W	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	23	19
" 22	Lee Howard.	M		L	3d	W	George W. Mason.	Lizzie Howar l.	W	"	Wood tur'r.	Albany, N. Y.	Gilsum.	..	.
May 8	Bertha S.		F	L	5th	W	Chas. R. Coolidge.	Julia Stone.	W	"	Mechanic.	Troy.	.....	..	.
" 12	Nellie Gertrude,		F	L	3d	W	Thos. Enwright.	Kate Stanton.	W	"	Spinner.	.....	.....	..	..
" 25	.....	M		L	5th	W	John Tatro.	Lizzie Frazior.	W	"	Farmer.	Canada.	Canada.	37	28
June 3	.....	M		L	2d	W	Joseph Conruoyer.	Matilda.	W	"	Teamster.	Canada.	Canada.	27	23
July 2	.....	M		L			Tellis Murchant.	....	W	"	Laborer.	.....	..... [er, Vt.	..	..
" 5	George Edward,	M		L	1st	W	Berton E. Towne.	Hattie Cate.	W	"	Painter.	Marlboro'.	Saxton's Riv-	27	21
Aug. 25	Armand N.	M		L	6th	W	Napo'n Conruoyer.	Parmelia.	W	"	Teamster.	Canada.	Canada.	30	28
" 25	Mary Elizabeth.		F	L	1st	W	Mich'l Enwright, jr.	Mary V. Deschene.	W	"	Secti'n boss	Ireland.	Canada [N.H.	34	21
" 28	Myrtle Fannie.		F	L	1st	W	Frank S. Harris.	Josie H. Burns.	W	"	Manufac'er	Troy.	Gilmanton,	28	28
" 31	Orrie Louise.		F	L	2d	W	Herb't A. Marshall	Edna M. Holman.	W	"	Wood tur'r.	Jaffrey.	Fitzwilliam.	34	30
July 21	Mary Lizzie.		F	L	1st	W	John Lomicer.	Matilda Frazior.	W	"	Laborer.	Nova Scotia.	Canada.	32	30
" 26	William James.	M		L	1st	W	James Brennan.	Celina Venne.	W	"	Laborer.	Canada [N.H.	Canada.	33	20
Sept. 8	Melvin Arthur.	M		L	7th	W	David J. Nevers.	Rispah O. Howard.	W	"	Laborer.	Charlestown,	Sullivan N.H.	..	..
" 29	Alice Lillian.		F	L	2d	W	Joseph Jarvis.	Emma L Brown.	W	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Troy.	25	18
Oct. 30	George.	M		L	3d	W	Geo. W. Corey.	Annie G. Fellows.	W	"	Laborer.	Chesterfield.	Keene.	24	22
Nov. 6	Charles Henry.	M		L	1st	W	Daniel A. Starkey.	Ellen Rock.	W	"	Wood tur'r.	Troy.	.....	23	17
" 12	Annie.		F	L	1st	W	James McGinness.	Margaret Lahiffi.	W	"	Carpenter.	Vermont.	Keene.	33	..
Dec. 1	.....	M		L	1st	W	Edw'd McCarville.	Imogene Venne.	W	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	40	23
" 6	Catherine Mary.		F	L	2d	W	Louis A. Bouter.	Kate E. Woods.	W	"	Barber.	Canada.	Keene.	28	26

Marriages Registered in the Town of Troy, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	*Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Feb. 6	Marlboro.	George E. Knight.	Troy.	20	W	Bucket fin'r.	Swanzey.	Wm. H. Knight.	Rhode Island	1st	Rev. Q. Blakeley,
		Lena Parent.	Troy.	18	W			Louisa.	Roxbury.	1st	Marlboro.
Apr. 15	Keene.	Daniel A. Starkey, Jr.	Troy.	23	W	Wood turner.	Troy.	Daniel A. Starkey.	Troy.	1st	Rev. G. H. DeBevoise,
		Ellen Rock.	Troy.	17	W			Augusta Lang. Louis Rock.	Germany. Canada.	1st	Keene.
July 3	Troy.	Herbert P. Thompson	Troy.	23	W	Painter.	Troy.	Sam'l Thompson. Olive J.		1st	Rev. J. Merrill,
		Mary E. Hartley.	Troy.	21	W		England.	Edward Hartley. Harriet.		1st	Troy.
July 23	Marlboro.	George A. Starkey.	Troy.	37	W	Butcher.	Troy.	Alanson Starkey. Mary Rice.	Troy. Troy.	2d	Rev. J. W. Bean,
		Alice D. Cole.	Troy.	26	W		Mendon, Vt.	Henry W. Shippey Merriam.		2d	Marlboro.
Aug. 20	Troy.	Perley A. Hale.	Troy.	23	W	Carder.	Winchendon.	Ozro J. Hale. Lucy A.	Winchendon. Swanzey.	1st	Rev. L. E. Scharf,
		Edith M. Farrar.	Troy.	19	W		Fitzwilliam.	D. Warren Farrar. Nancy A.	Fitzwilliam. Marlboro.	1st	Troy.
Sept. 24	Winchendon.	Fred S. Starkey.	Troy.	23	W	Butcher.	Troy.	Alanson Starkey. Mary Rice.		1st	Rev. D. Foster,
		Hattie M. Mathews.	Fitzwilliam.	19	W		Penn.	Eben F. Mathews.		1st	Winchendon.

*What marriage; whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Troy, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	*Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Oct. 14	Otter River.	Stephen Freeman.	Troy.	30	W	Laborer.	Wanooski, Vt	Herbert Freeman.		1st	Rev. Jas. Norris,
		Mary A. Barron.	Otter River.	29	W		England.	James Barron. Mary.		1st	Otter River.
Nov. 4	Londonderry [Vt.	Amos Baker.	Troy.	71	W	Farmer.	Hubbardston [Mass.	Artemas Baker. Sarah.	Gardner. Gardner.	3d	Rev. O. P. Fuller,
		Abigail C. Sargent.	Londonderry, [Vt.	68	W		Londonderry [Vt.			2d	Londonderry, Vt.
Oct. 25	Troy.	Henry E. Brown.	Troy.	26	W	Fireman.	Troy.	George Brown. Nellie M.	Troy. Alstead.	1st	Rev. D. R. Herrick,
		Gertrude M. Corey.	Troy.	21	W		Troy.	Webster Carey. Mary.	Dublin. Sudbury.	1st	Troy.
Nov. 8	Marlboro.	Homer Gauthier.	Troy.	23	W	Laborer.	Canada.	Mitchell Gauthier.	Canada.	1st	Rev. G. Monge,
		Melvina Perrault.	Troy.	16	W		Canada.	Joseph Parro. Julia.	Canada. Canada.	1st	Marlboro.
Nov. 15	Keene.	Harry J. Nash.	Troy.	22	W	Laborer.	Winchester.	Oliver L. Nash. Ruth R.	Chesterfield. Winchester.	1st	Rev. S. A. Severance,
		Viola L. Ross.	Troy.	17	W		Troy.	William Ross. Mary L.	Hancock. Troy.	1st	Keene.
Dec. 24	Troy.	Edward LeBlanc.	Troy.	23	W	Laborer.	Nova Scotia.	AugustineLeBlanc		1st	Rev. L. E. Scharf,
		Roselle Hatt.	Troy.	23	W		Nova Scotia.			1st	Troy.

*What marriage; whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Troy, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Death.		Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Color.	†S., M. or W.	Place of Birth. Father.	Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
Jan.	6	Warren A. Nash.	1	1	14	Troy.	M		W	S	Chesterfield.	S. Royalston, Vt	Oliver W. Nash.	Florence M. Perkins.	Consumption.
Feb.	5	Cynthia Baker.	59	8	21	Rindge.		F	W	M	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cancer.
"	20	Cynthia Howe.	64	5	..	Fitzwilliam.		F	W	W	Fitzwilliam.	Fitzwilliam.	Jacob Whitcomb.	Persis Grant.	Rheumatism.
"	21	Edward Hartley.	57	..	..	England. [H.	M		W	M	England.	England.	.....	.....	Hemorrhage
Mar.	16	Verne Z. Lewis.	4	5	8	Jefferson, N.		F	W	S	Lancaster.	Bath.	Frank H. Lewis.	Lillian Rogers.	Diphtheria.
"	23	*Josephine M. Adams.	53	5	15	Jaffrey.		F	W	M	.....	.....	.....	.....	Val. Dis. Heart
"	26	Farwell O. Cobb.	66	..	16	Troy.	M		W	M	.....	.....	Leonard Cobb.	Eliza M. Wooward.	Gastric Catarrh
May	20	Abigail Whittemore.	66	2	24	Troy.		F	W	M	Troy.	Troy.	Easman Alexander.	Lucy Garfield.	Heart Failure.
"	"	Jennie A. Starkey.	34	6	28	Marlboro'.		F	W	M	.....	.....	Ivers L. Richardson.	Elmira W. Gates.	Hemorrhage.
"	25	Eva Valade.	1	3	5	Worcester.		F	W	S	Canada.	Canada.	Alfred Valade.	Delina.	Measles.
July	9	Octavia E. Dwight.	42	6	21	Wallingford.		F	W	M	Wallingford, Vt	Mt. Holly, Vt.	Willard Hart.	Susan Tarbell.	Val. Dis. Heart
Aug.	30	Lemuel W. Brown	55	10	..	Troy.	M		W	M	Sudbury, Mass.	.....	Lemuel Brown.	.....	Apoplexy.
Sept.	2	Norma B. Lavony.	8	11	12	Winchendon.		F	W	S	Boston.	Swanzey.	Walter S. Savory.	Maude M. Gove.	Diphtheria.
Dec.	6	John T. Leonardson.	75	..	..		M		W	M	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pneumonia
"	15	Luther Whittemore.	73	2	18	Marlboro',	M		W	W	Templeton.	.....	Levi Whittemore.	Mary Blodgett.	Cancer.

* Died at Keene. † Single, Married or Widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of Births, Marriages and Deaths, is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. T. STONE, *Town Clerk.*